

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.     Apparatus for processing fish or poultry or meat products,  
2     comprising:  
3           a plurality of work stations including at least two immersion chambers  
4     operating at different temperatures, each work station including ingress and  
5     egress for product transfers;  
6           a transport system communicating with an ingress or egress for at  
7     least one work station for transferring product thereby, said transport system  
8     operating within an environment including ambient air; and  
9           a structure associated with the environment for circulating ambient air  
10    therethrough to remove particulate material from the ambient air.
- 1           2.     Apparatus according to claim 1 in which the transport system  
2     includes conveyor apparatus communicating with egress from a work station  
3     to transfer product to a packaging station, said packaging station operating  
4     within an environment for encapsulating the product within the environment  
5     of the packaging station.
- 1           3.     Apparatus according to claim 2 in which the packaging station  
2     includes a structure for cooling and filtering ambient air in the environment  
3     within which the product is encapsulated.

1           4.     Apparatus according to claim 3 including an air filter for  
2     excluding particulate contaminants greater than above .3μ inches from  
3     ambient air in the environment within which the product is encapsulated.

1           5.     Apparatus according to claim 3 including a structure disposed  
2     relative to the environment within which the product is encapsulated for  
3     cooling ambient air therein to about 33°-35°F.